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AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 17,
CONCERNING CHILE

REF: A) STATE 183891 B) CANBERRA 5077 (NOTAL)

FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REF A, EMBOFF CONTACTED DFA
(KELSO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, UN BRANCH) FOR PRELIMINARY
VIEW OF GOA THINKING ON SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF
CUBAN COMPLAINT ON RECENT EVENTS IN CHILE, TO BE TAKEN
UP SEPT 17. KELSO SAID THAT DFA HAD REPORT FROM SIR
LAURENCE MCINTYRE (AUSTRALIAN PERM REP) ON MEETINGS IN
NEW YORK SEPT 14.

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CONCERNING CUBAN COMPLAINTS ON SHOOTING AT CUBAN
EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO, KELSO NOTED THAT BUILDING IN WHICH

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO LOCATED ALSO HAD BEEN HIT,
BUT AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ITSELF WAS UNDAMAGED. EMBOFF
NOTED THAT U.S. MISSIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF WORLD
HAVE BEEN ATTACKED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, BUT U.S.
HAS NOT RAISED MATTER WITH SC. EMBOFF ALSO NOTED THAT
SAFE DEPARTURE OF CUBAN MISSION SANTIAGO HAD TAKEN PLACE,
WHICH KELSO ACKNOWLEDGED. WE WILL PRESENT MATERIAL IN
REF A TO APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF DFA ON SEPT 16.

KELSO NOTED THAT IT NOT RPT NOT YET CLEAR DIRECTION
CUBAN COMPLAINT WILL TAKE. DISCUSSION ON DAMAGE TO CUBAN
EMBASSY SANTIAGO IS ONE THING. DEBATE ON RECENT EVENTS
IN SANTIAGO IS SOMETHING ELSE. KELSO NOTED THAT IN BRIEF
CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM EVENING OF SEPT 13
IN COURSE OF RECEPTION HE (KELSO) HAD MADE SOMEWHAT FLIPPANT
REFERENCE TO EVENTS IN SANTIAGO. WHITLAM HAD IMMEDIATELY
EXPRESSED VERY SERIOUS VIEW. NO DOUBT HE
BEARS IN MIND TELEGRAM TO CHILEAN AMBASSADOR IN AUSTRALIA
SIGNED BY 44 OUT OF 93 LABOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SEPT 13,
EXPRESSING HORROR AT OVERTHROW OF CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND
DEATH OF ALLENDE (REF B). KELSO POINTED TO PRESS
RELEASE ISSUED BY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM ON SAME SUBJECT
SEPT 14 WHICH STATED THAT WHITLAM QTE AS A DEMOCRAT AND A
SOCIALIST HAD BEEN GREATLY SADDENED THAT MEN WHO HAD SWORN
TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF THEIR COUNTRY HAD BETRAYED
A LONG AND NOBLE CHILEAN DEMOCRATIC TRADITION, OF WHICH
SALVADOR ALLENDE HAD BEEN THE AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE.
END QTE.

COMMENT: TO EXTENT CUBAN COMPLAINT IS LIMITED TO ATTACK
ON CUBAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO, THERE IS PROBABLY NO DIFFICULTY
WITH GOA. IF DEBATE WANDERS OFF INTO GENERAL DISCUSSION OF
MERITS OF OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE GOVERNMENT, AUSTRALIAN REP
COULD TAKE RATHER EXTREME POSITION. THIS IS AN ISSUE CLOSE TO
HEARTS OF AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY, AND, AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED,
WHITLAM INTENDS TO MAKE A POINT OF TAKING POSITIONS IN UN
CONSPICUOUSLY INDEPENDENT OF US AND UK. WE WILL PURSUE MATTER
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AND REPORT FURTHER.
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